

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the seven brave men and women of the Space Shuttle *Columbia*: Commander Rick Husband; Pilot William McCool; Payload Commander Michael Anderson; Specialist Kalpana Chawla; Specialist David Brown; Specialist Laurel Clark; and Specialist Ilan Ramon.

Today America and the entire world grieves with the families and victims of the Space Shuttle *Columbia*. While there is no way one can adequately express in words the sense of sorrow that we all feel, know that our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of tragedy, and know their loss was part of a larger manifest destiny of human understanding, the continual exploration, the continual search for knowledge below our seas, in our heavens, around this Earth, and in planets beyond, a part of the continued tradition of American leadership in exploration, discovery, and technology.

We have lost seven brave individuals, men and women, sons and daughters, mothers and fathers, husbands and wives. We will never forget their courage, bravery, and service to our Nation. Each of these individuals was a pioneer who gave their lives in the name of science and exploration.

□ 1615

They epitomized the best that America and mankind have to offer, and their efforts will not be lost or forgotten. We must finish the quest that they started, and we must continue on with our manned space exploration. I believe the crew of *Columbia* would expect nothing less.

While America mourned your tragic loss, we will never forget your heroism. You will forever be remembered in our hearts and in our minds as heroes.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BOOZMAN). Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 15 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HASTINGS of Washington) at 6 o'clock and 55 minutes p.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 18, MAKING FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2003

Mrs. MYRICK, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 108-7) on the resolution (H. Res. 48) providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 18) mak-

ing further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON BOSNIA AND U.S. FORCES IN NATO-LED STABILIZATION FORCE—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 108-34)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations, the Committee on Armed Services, and the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by the Levin Amendment to the 1998 Supplemental Appropriations and Rescissions Act (section 7(b) of Public Law 105-174) and section 1203(a) of the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 (Public Law 105-261), I am providing a report prepared by my Administration on progress made toward achieving benchmarks for a sustainable peace process in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

This seventh report, which also includes supplemental reporting as required by section 1203(a) of Public Law 105-261, provides an updated assessment of progress on the benchmarks covering the period January 1 to December 31, 2002.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, *February 4, 2003.*

PLAN COLOMBIA SEMI-ANNUAL OBLIGATION REPORT AND ANDEAN COUNTERDRUG INITIATIVE REPORT—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 108-35)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations and the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to Public Law 106-246, section 3204(e), I am providing a report prepared by my Administration detailing the progress of spending by the executive branch during the last two quarters of Fiscal Year 2002 in support of Plan Colombia.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, *February 4, 2003.*

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legis-

lative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. PUTNAM) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. PUTNAM, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SOUDER, for 5 minutes, February 5.

Mr. OSBORNE, for 5 minutes, February 5.

Mrs. BIGGERT, for 5 minutes, February 5.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Jeff Trandahl, Clerk of the House reports that on January 31, 2003 he presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills.

H.J. Res. 3. Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 57 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, February 5, 2003, at 3 p.m. in memory of the valiant crew members of the space shuttle *Columbia*.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

441. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Termination of Designation of the State of Maine with Respect to the Inspection of Meat and Meat Food Products and Poultry and Poultry Food Products [Docket No. 02-028F] received January 28, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

442. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Urea; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [OPP-2002-0277; FRL-7284-2] received December 20, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

443. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Urea; Revocation of Tolerance Exemptions [OPP-2 002-0276; FRL-7284-3] received December 20, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

444. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Department of Defense, transmitting notification of the Department's decision to study certain functions performed by military and civilian personnel in the Department of the Navy for possible performance by private contractors, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2461; to the Committee on Armed Services.

445. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a report on TRICARE reimbursement of Professional Providers, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1097